



**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OPEN TESTING**  
**Food and Drug Investigator**  
**SPOT: VARIOUS COUNTIES**

Final Filing Date: **10/05/2006**  
Bulletin Release Date: 09/01/2006  
Written Test Date: 10/28/2006

VX20 -1589 6HA95



California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or sexual orientation. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the state, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

**Testing for the following counties only: Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Santa Clara**

**WHO SHOULD APPLY:** Persons who meet the minimum qualifications (entrance requirements) as stated on this announcement may take this examination, which is competitive.

**HOW TO APPLY:** To learn more about the job and testing arrangements, contact the testing office shown below. Applications are available at [http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/employment\\_app2.htm](http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/employment_app2.htm). Applications may be filed in person or by mail with:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (916) 552-9212**  
**SELECTION UNIT**  
**In Person: 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1501**  
**By Mail: MS 1300-1302**  
**P.O. BOX 997411**  
**Sacramento, CA 95899-7411**

***DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD***

**FINAL FILING DATE:** Applications (Form STD. 678) must be submitted by **10/05/06**, the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the final filing deadline will not be accepted.

**SPECIAL TESTING INFORMATION:** If you have a disability that requires accommodation, mark the appropriate box on the application Form STD. 678. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

**WRITTEN TEST DATE:** 10/28/06. Written tests will be scheduled in locations throughout the State associated with the counties identified below. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Health Services three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

**SALARY RANGES:** Range A \$3472 - \$3987 per month.

Range B \$3964-\$4773 per month. (Specific experience and education required for this range.)

**IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT:** Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** This is the entry, training, and full journey level of the series. Under close supervision, incumbents receive classroom instruction as well as on-the-job training in all program components, inspectional methods and procedures, enforcement policy, applicable laws and regulations, technological manufacturing processes, proper use of embargo power, operation of field testing equipment, and methods of documentation of facts and collection of evidence.

Once trained, incumbents perform technical investigations and inspections of average difficulty and complexity. They are responsible for independently completing assignments which encompass the full scope of the commodity types within their area of assignment involving a substantial range of technical investigative and inspectional problems. They may provide, under supervision, limited training to new employees in the program. Incumbents may prepare materials for criminal and civil complaints; make arrests and testify in court.

Applicant must be willing to work with the Department of Health Services in one of the following locations: Contra Costa – Richmond; Santa Clara – San Jose; Los Angeles (city/county); Orange – Santa Ana; San Bernardino – Ontario; and San Diego (city/county).

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION:** It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements stated on this announcement by **10/28/06**, the written test date. Your signature on your application indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

**NOTE:** Applications/resumes **must** include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, civil service class title(s), and range (if applicable) for all work experience. College course information **must** include title, number of semester or quarter units, name of institution, completion dates, and degree (if applicable).  
**Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the following requirements include more than one pattern and are distinguished as either I, or II, or III, etc.

**Education:** Equivalent to graduation from college with at least 30 semester hours of college courses in one or a combination of bacteriology, biology, chemistry, food technology, pharmacology, environmental health, biomedical engineering, or other biological or chemical science. (Up to 15 semester hours in criminal justice may be credited toward 15 of the 30 total required above.) (Senior students registered in a recognized college will be admitted to the examination, but they must produce evidence of graduation or its equivalent before they can be considered eligible for appointment.)

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:** In addition to the scope defined on this announcement, candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required.

**SPECIAL PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Require a minimum age of 18 years for appointment; good moral character as determined by thorough background investigation, which includes fingerprinting; possession of a valid **California** Drivers license; aptitude for investigative and law enforcement work; color vision adequate to successfully perform the job as measured by the Ishihara Pseudo-Chromatic Plate Test or for persons failing the Ishihara, the Farnsworth D-15 Arrangement Test; ability to hear within the speech range with or without an aid; tact; patience; substantial self-reliance; ability to work independently; capacity for development of skills and abilities; and willingness to travel.

**COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Eligibility for the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commission to receive and review FDA documents (all articles) as required for appointment to position.

**EXAMINATION INFORMATION:** The examination will consist of a written test weighted 100%. Candidates who meet the requirements for admittance to the examination (minimum qualifications) will be scheduled to take a written test. Competitors who do not appear for the written test will be disqualified and eliminated from the examination process.

The Department of Health Services reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such a revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**WRITTEN TEST SCOPE:**

1. Variety of basic scientific principles and methods;
2. General trends in current public health and safety problems related to the food and drug field;
3. Analyzing data and field situations, and drawing valid conclusions;
4. Interpreting and applying State laws, rules, and regulations;
5. Written business communication ability and skills.

**ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION:** Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained. A departmental open list will be established for use by the department(s) listed on this announcement. The list will expire 24 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first.

**CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031(a), in order to be a peace officer, a person must be either a U.S. Citizen or be a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for U.S. Citizenship. Any permanent resident alien who is employed as a peace officer shall be disqualified from holding that position if his/her application for citizenship is denied.

**FELONY DISQUALIFICATION:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 1029, persons convicted of a felony are disqualified from employment as peace officers except as provided under Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 2,

Chapter 3, Article 8, Section 1179(b), or Division 2.5, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1772(b). Except as provided for by these statutes, persons convicted of a felony are not eligible to compete for, or be appointed to, any position in this classification.

**FIREARM CONVICTION DISQUALIFICATION:** Anyone who is restricted for employment-related purposes from accessing, possessing, carrying, receiving, or having under his/her control a firearm or ammunition under all applicable State or Federal laws is ineligible for appointment to any position in this classification.

**BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031, persons successful in peace officer examinations shall be required to undergo a thorough background investigation prior to appointment. Persons who have previously undergone a California Department of Health Services background investigation may be required to undergo an additional background investigation.

**MEDICAL REQUIREMENT:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031, a person appointed to a peace officer class shall undergo a medical examination to determine that he or she can perform the essential functions of the job safely and effectively.

**DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENT:** Applicants for positions in the California Department of Health Services are required to pass a drug-screening test. (The drug-screening test will be waived for employees who are currently in a designated "sensitive" class for which drug testing is required under State Personnel Board Rule 213.)

**TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:** Under provisions of Penal Code Section 832, successful completion of a training course in laws of arrest, search and seizure, and in firearms and chemical agents is a requirement for permanent status in this classification.

**VETERANS PREFERENCE:** Veterans preference credits will be granted in this examination since it does qualify as an entrance examination. [California law](#) limits granting of veterans preference credits to entrance examinations. Directions for applying for veterans' preference credits are provided on the Veterans Preference Application form, which is available from the State Personnel Board or the department shown on this announcement.

TDD is Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD device.

The California Relay (Telephone) Service for the deaf or hearing impaired:

MCI from TDD: 1-800-735-2929

MCI from voice telephone: 1-800-735-2922

Sprint from TDD: 1-888-877-5378

Sprint from voice telephone: 1-888-877-5379